



Remembering the PLEDGE . . . Delivering the PROMISE!

EDUCATION LINKAGE – WESTERN AREA INITIATIVE

HBCU Support

HBCUs are a source of accomplishment and great pride for the African American community as well as the entire nation. The Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, defines an HBCU as: "...any historically black college or university that was established prior to 1964, whose principal mission was, and is, the education of Black Americans. Today, HBCUs offer all students, regardless of race, an opportunity to develop their skills and talents. These institutions train young people who go on to serve domestically and internationally in professions as entrepreneurs and in the public and private sectors.

Link Chapters wish to expand the charge of seeking financial support for HBCUs by including a mentoring component for students selected, from their community, for HBCU scholarships.

Suggested Activities:

- In consultation with other agencies develop a Private Sector Strategy to assist historically black colleges and universities
- Increasing voluntary private-sector contributions to support the enhancement of endowments and the overall financial stability of such institutions
- Target students to receive scholarships
- Mentor students throughout their educational journey

Resources

<http://www.uncf.org/aboutus/hbcus.asp>

<http://www.hbcunetwork.com>

<http://chronicle.com/blogs/facevalue/index.php?id=1258>

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